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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN REACTION TO MARKS/MARCHETTI BOOK

REF: DEPT A-5656, JUL 16, 1974

1. NORWEGIAN SENSATIONALIST LIBERAL PAPER DAGBLADET ACCORDED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO AUGUST 27 REPORT FROM ITS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT (FINBORUD) ON ALLEGATIONS IN MARKS/MARCHETTI BOOK REGARDING PAST CIA FINANCING OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR NORWAY. INITIAL SPLASH, HOWEVER, WAS FOLLOWED UP BY ONLY TWO OR THREE BRIEF FACTUAL ACCOUNTS IN MAJOR OSLO DAILIES.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS REGARDING MARKS/MARCHETTI ALLEGATIONS RELEASED HERE SEPT 2: BEGIN TEXT

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A BOOK RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES, WRITTEN BY A FORMER CIA AGENT AND A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, MENTIONED CIA-FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT TO THE NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE.

IN THE 20 YEAR PERIOD FROM 1950 TO 1970 NORWAY RECEIVED EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIAL FOR A TOTAL OF 6,500 MILLION KRONER.

THESE DELIVERIES WERE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS IN THE ARMS AID AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE STORTING IN 1950.

THESE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT ANY OTHER CONDITIONS THAN THOSE SET DOWN IN THE GUIDELINES OF THE AGREEMENT.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH BUDGETS THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES USE TO FINANCE THEIR COMMITMENTS.

THE LAST DELIVERIES OF MATERIAL UNDER THE AMERICAN ARMS AID PROGRAMS TOOK PLACE IN 1969.  
DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE  
END TEXT.

3. SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF THIS ISSUE BELIEVES MOD PRESS STATEMENT MOST SATISFACTORY BUT RESERVED JUDGEMENT ON WHETHER IT WILL EFFECTIVELY TERMINATE DISCUSSION ON MATTER IN NORWAY.

4. COMMENT: WE SHARE OFFICIAL'S HOPE THAT DEFENSE STATEMENT WILL PUT ISSUE TO REST BUT ALSO HIS CONCERN THAT ANTI-DEFENSE, ANTI-NATO LEFTIST FORCES, NOTABLY IN THE STORTING, WILL STILL SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PROPAGANDA. APART FROM INITIAL PRESS COVERAGE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE WHITHERED ON VINE, LOCAL REACTION HAS BEEN CALM.  
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